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A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have called for the papers and will consider the question of laying them on the table after they have been received.

(d) As the disafforestation was made expressly to enable an Adi-Dravida settlement to be founded, the Government do not propose to instruct the Collector in the sense suggested.

Assignment of lands on the Shevaroy Hills.

* 1555 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any applications were made for assignment of lands on the Shevaroy Hills within the last five years;

(b) the names and the extent applied for by each;

(c) whether the applications in each case have been granted or refused or are still pending consideration;

(d) the purpose for which these lands were required;

(e) the total extent of land already assigned; and

(f) the extent still remaining unassigned?

A.—(a) No such applications are traceable in the Government records.

(b) to (f) These questions do not arise.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU:—" With reference to clauses (e) and (f), may I know what extent of land was available for assignment and what portion of it was actually assigned?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—" We cannot trace any records relating to assignment. If the hon. Member wishes information as to the area lying waste available for assignment, I shall be glad to gather the information."

Assignment of grazing grounds in Chatrap village.

* 1556 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to question No. 1350 answered on 1st February 1929 regarding assignment of grazing grounds in Chatrap village, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place before the Council the report called for on the above question and the orders that have been passed thereon?

A.—The report has not yet been received.

Alleged disabilities of the Catholic churches in South Kanara.

* 1557 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, with reference to question No. 353 answered on 8th October 1928, regarding the alleged disabilities of the Catholic churches in South Kanara in acquiring darkhast lands—

(a) on what authority and by whom Government have been advised that property of all Roman Catholic churches in South Kanara is vested in the Pope; and

(b) whether the opinion given is that the churches are vested in the Pope as owner or as Supreme Administrator?